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1. A train with Soviet motor vehicles arrived in CRAIOVA R 33/34 A 83). The following motor vehicles were observed going to the "Rumanian 1st 'Dolj' Inf Regt" Barracks and to the barracks located on the road to CARACAL (R 33/34/B 21), on the south-eastern outskirts of CRAIOVA:

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Ford passenger car, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 passenger car
 passenger car, driver with red-bordered black epaulets
 Studebaker truck

} trucks, occupied by 20 troops and hauling
 } infantry guns

truck with boxlike superstructure, occupied by women
 truck, carrying soldiers and baggage
 truck, carrying women and baggage
 Willys motor vehicle, occupied by five officers
 truck with canvas-covered cargo
 passenger car, make Ford, occupied by officers
 amphibian passenger car

Studebaker truck
 Studebaker truck, occupied by soldiers and officers
 truck, loaded with three large boxes, driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 truck with boxlike superstructure
 Studebaker truck, occupied by 15 soldiers with baggage
 truck with boxlike superstructure
 truck, occupied by 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets
 truck with canvas-covered cargo

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[REDACTED] Studebaker truck
truck, occupied by soldiers, driver with
black epaulets
truck

[REDACTED] trucks, loaded with material, hauling
a total of five infantry guns

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[REDACTED] truck
Studebaker truck, occupied by soldiers with
baggage
truck, loaded with signal equipment
truck, loaded with signal equipment
truck of make Studebaker, occupied by
20 soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets
truck, loaded with ammunition
Studebaker truck

[REDACTED] truck
truck
truck, carrying soldiers and baggage
truck, carrying women and baggage

[REDACTED] truck, loaded with baggage, driver with red-
bordered black epaulets

[REDACTED] truck with boxlike superstructure
truck

[REDACTED] truck with boxlike superstructure

[REDACTED] truck, driver with black epaulets

[REDACTED] truck with field kitchen, driver with black
epaulets

[REDACTED] tank truck

[REDACTED] truck with boxlike superstructures

[REDACTED] truck, loaded with gasoline barrels

[REDACTED] truck, occupied by soldiers

[REDACTED] truck with boxlike superstructure, driver with
black epaulets

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[REDACTED] truck, occupied by soldiers

[REDACTED] truck

[REDACTED] truck with boxlike superstructure

[REDACTED] truck, occupied by soldiers, wearing black
epaulets

[REDACTED] truck with boxlike superstructure, occupied by
officers, wearing red epaulets

[REDACTED] Studebaker truck with mounted machine,
gun, occupied by troops

[REDACTED] truck, occupied by soldiers, wearing red-bordered
black epaulets

[REDACTED] truck, occupied by soldiers, wearing red-bordered
black epaulets

[REDACTED] truck, occupied by soldiers, wearing red-bordered
black epaulets

[REDACTED] tank truck.

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2. The following other motor vehicles were observed in CRAIOVA:

One motor vehicle of make [REDACTED] occupied by three generals

One motor vehicle of make [REDACTED] occupied by five field officers:

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[REDACTED] truck
[REDACTED] truck
[REDACTED] tank truck
[REDACTED] truck
[REDACTED] Studebaker truck
[REDACTED] Willys motor vehicle
[REDACTED] truck.

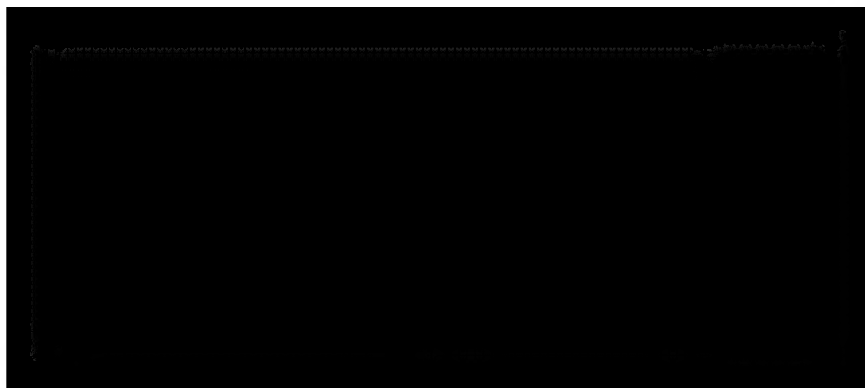
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3. Soviet Marshal Tolbuzhin was staying in CRAIOVA. He conferred with Romanian, Bulgarian and Hungarian military personalities in GOVORA (R 35/W 21). Fifteen other Soviet generals also attended the conferences.
4. Seven Soviet generals were observed in CRAIOVA. One was billeted at 45 Nic. Balcescu Street, one at 47 Railroad station Street. The others were billeted in the town center.

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5. Demolition charges were attached to bridges and placed at railroad stations along the CRAIOVA - CALAFAT (R 23/24/A 10) and CRAIOVA - TURNUL SEVERIN (R 23/24/A 98) railroad lines. The stationmaster of CRAIOVA received a secret order, providing measures in case of large-scale Soviet troop movements.

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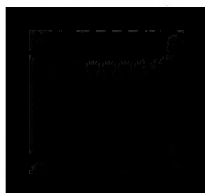
b. [REDACTED]

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It was assumed from previous information that troops (2d 348 Mecz Div ?) with motor vehicle [REDACTED] following [REDACTED] were stationed in CRAIOVA in the fall of 1948:

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assumed that the troops observed in ORAILOVA on 3 August 1949 belonged to the units (2d His Necz Div?) which have been stationed there since 1948.

c. Details

- (1) It is considered possible that the Soviet High Command may have made certain military preparations in Rumania in connection with the tensions between the SU and Tito Yugoslavia (see officer conferences, secret order for the ORAILOVA stationmaster).
- (2) It is also considered not improbable that Marshal TOL-BUKHIN may have held an officer conference in GOVORA on 1 August 1949. This information, which was also carried in newspapers on 29 August 1949, may have been based on a rumor (TOLBUKHIN was CINC of the Southern Group of Forces, Rumania, up to the spring of 1947, and was later appointed CINC of the Transcaucasus MD, in which capacity he was confirmed until September 1948).
- (3) The information that Tolbukhin came to Rumania to hold conferences with military personalities of the Cominform countries of Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary is in contrast with the newspaper report that Marshal ROYEV is allegedly activating a Cominform Army in Bulgaria (ROYEV was last confirmed as CINC of Soviet Ground Forces, MOSCOW, on 1 May 1949. It called attention, however, to the fact that he was not observed among the guests of honor on Soviet Air Force Day).
- (4) The Soviet newspaper "Dio Kat" ran an article on 26 March 1949, stating that "Marshal ROYEV was to assume the command in the Balkans following changes of personnel in the Soviet Army".

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